



PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN THE APPLICATION OF:

SAVERIO CARL FALCO ET AL.

CASE NO.: BB1037 F

SERIAL NO.: 09/049304

GROUP ART UNIT: 1648

FILED: MARCH 27, 1998

EXAMINER: E. F. MCELWAIN

FOR: CHIMERIC GENES AND METHOD  
FOR INCREASING THE LYSINE  
CONTENT OF THE SEEDS OF PLANTS

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**RESPONSE**

Commissioner for Patents  
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This is submitted in response to the Office Action dated July 29, 2003, finally rejecting claims 4-7, 11 and 13-15 of the above-identified application. Applicants respectfully request entry of this Response After Final because it is believed to place the claims in form for allowance or, in the alternative, to place the claims in better form for consideration on appeal. Reconsideration is respectfully requested and the following is submitted in support thereof.